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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director for Special Activities

SUBJECT: Mr. Kissinger's Memorandum to President.  
Subject: Air Reconnaissance of South China,  
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1. Per your instructions, I have contacted the following people seeking their comments on the subject paper being forwarded by Mr. Frank Chapin:

25X1A a.  (OSR) - Concurs with paper as written.

25X1A b. Mr. Proctor (Acting DDI) - Will have views ready subsequent to his meeting with  (COMIREX) at 1530 today.

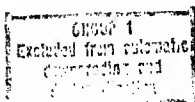
25X1A c.  (COMIREX) - Was out of his office until 1530 today. I will contact him when he returns.

25X1A d.  had the following comments which he offered to transmit officially. I told him I thought I could bring you his message without a formal paper:

(1) "Paper does not seem crisp."

25X1D (2) Paper is misleading in that no mention is made regarding photography comparison between U-2R and

25X1 (3) He thinks that paper should state that either the  or U-2R can react to breaks in the weather.



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(4) Paper should spell out specifically what is meant by strategic recce, e.g., MRBM deployment, weapons related facilities, etc. In his opinion this addition would strengthen recce requirement and would help overcome State Department objection.

(5) "U-2R survivability seems overstated and might mislead the President." [ ] feels we should avoid mention of statistical numbers. He further stated: "If numbers are used they should be better qualified." The fact that operational failure of components is not included, etc., how many missiles are being fired in arriving at statistic, etc. His main concern seemed to be that we should be very cautious and not oversell the U-2R.

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2. I will report [ ] and Mr. Proctor's reaction as soon as they have reviewed paper with me this p.m.

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